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Acton, Mass.

Feb. 10, 1974

The Massachussetts Rifle Association will celebrate it's one hundredth birthday with a Centennial program during the period of June 23 through July 6, 1975 and would like to have this program included as part of the Bicentennial planning.

We plan to have demonstrations of the various small arms used in all the U.S. wars from the Revolutionary War through the Viet Nam conflict, as well as rifle, pistol, and Trap matches with competitors from all over the country.

There will also be exhibits of arms and uniforms and the history of civilian maintenance of and assistance to the continuing defense of our country.

We will also actively participate in the Bicentennial plans of the City of Woburn and support the State Bicentennial Commission.

As soon as final scheduling is completed we will forward our full program to your Commission if you will advise us how we should procede and to whom we should address ourselves in the future. We expect to have a detailed program for you by June 30, 1974 at the latest.

May we please have a reply as to how we can best coordinate this with your commission?

notify city of Woburn.

Yours truly,

Nathan E. Guyer, Chairman
M.R.A. Centennial Committee

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Dear Centennial Members:

The Centennial program is now at the point where we either do something or get off the pot. The last two monthly meetings we have only had four present and we have each time had to postpone critical decisions. We can no longer wait. We must produce and publish a program now for our celebration. If we do not get sufficient people at this next meeting to plan a program that night; those of us who are there will plan a very short and limited program and procede on the assumption that the Massachusetts Rifle Association does not want a big or extensive celebration. We are presently three months behind schedule.

The next meeting will be Tuesday July 9th at 8:00 P.M.

We need YOU. We want YOU. We must have YOU if we are to have a celebration of one hundred years of citizens prepared to protect their country. Don't leave it to someone else. Only YOU will do.

Respectfully,

Nate Guyer

Nate Guyer

Massachusetts Rifle Association

WALNUT HILL

290 R SALEM STREET, WOBURN, MASS. 01801

TEL. 933-9765

April 1974

Dear MRA Club Member:

As you know, we are fast approaching our 100th year as an active shooting club.

A very active committee is busy formulating an interesting and comprehensive celebration program to take place during the weeks of June 23 and June 30, 1975.

Along with this celebration will be many mementoes, medals, and other souvenir items such as the Commemorative Zouave Rifle, Commemorative Medallion, Club history and match schedule, and much more that will be available this one time only.

In order to properly schedule the production of these items and finance the programs it is necessary that we begin placing orders and making contracts well in advance to assure that we will have these items on time.

The suggestion has been made and sanctioned by the Board of Directors that non-interest bonds be issued in the amount of $50.00 each to be offered to the membership on the basis of redemption by cash refund at closing of the Centennial Celebration books or December 31, 1975, whichever is earliest. In addition, for those who have contracted for the purchase of a Commemorative Rifle, the bonds may be redeemed against the balance due on the rifle when delivered. This is an excellent way to spread the cost of the rifle over the next year so that it is virtually paid for when finally received.

These bonds are now available and may be purchased through the Centennial Committee by mailing your check or money order for the number of bonds desired to:

MRA Centennial Committee
P.O. Box 247
Woburn, Mass. 01801
Attn: H. Bucci

Make checks payable to MRA Centennial Committee.

We need your participation and financial support to make this celebration a successful, memorable, self supporting, and profitable venture for all the membership.

Yours for the next 100 years of shooting at Massachusetts Rifle Association.

Nathan E. Guyer, General Chairman
MRA Centennial Committee

Dec. 15, 1974

National Rifle Association
1600 Rhode Island Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Attn: Mr. Wm. Kennedy (Club Dept.)

Gentlemen:

I wrote you on Sept. 30, 1974 requesting addresses of N.R.A. clubs and never received the courtesy of a reply.

Approximately Nov. 23, 1974 I phoned you and talked with a Mr. Stair of the Club Dept. who told me that I would receive a reply very shortly. To date, I have not had any reply.

The following is a summary of my requests of Sept. 30 and Nov. 25 and I respectfully request a prompt reply since I have already lost three months I need to get this information to the clubmembers arr ound the country who might attend.

The Massachusetts Rifle Association will be celebrating its' 100th anniversary at the Walnut Hill Range in Woburn Massachusetts during the weeks of June 23 and 30, 1975 with a series of commemorative rifle and pistol matches, both black and smokeless powder, demonstrations of small arms weaponry from revolutionary days to the present, and various other activities illustrationg the role ~~XX~~ the armed citizen has played in protecting his homeland since 1775 and the many contributions Walnut Hill members such as Mssrs. Neidner and Mann have made to the shooting fraternity.

The program will be sent to you very shortly and is keyed to the Bicentennial celebration and the fact that many N.R.A. member shooters from all over the United States will be visiting New England during this time and might like to take the opportunity to participate in our matches and perhaps take home some unique prizes and memories of the oldest club associated with the N.R.A.

We would like to obtain a list of all N.R.A. affiliated clubs so we can ~~XXXX~~ extend an early (now it will be late) invitation to their members to reserve a place in our various matches and to visit us during our celebration. The list will be used for no other purpose and will be disposed of after the celebration in any manner you wish.

May we please have your cooperation and an early reply?

Sincerely,

Nathan E. Guyer
General Chairman
Centennial Committee

cc: Mr. Stair
Wm. Loeb

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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1600 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. • Washington, D. C. 20036 783-6505

December 27, 1974

Mr. Nathan E. Guyer
General Chairman
Centennial Committee
Massachusetts Rifle Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 247
Woburn, Massachusetts 01801

Dear Mr. Guyer:

Please accept my sincere apology for our failure to respond to your request for a list of clubs in your October 21st letter. It was the subject of several discussions and I thought that a letter had been sent to you several weeks ago.

We do not feel that sending you a complete list of the NRA affiliates in the United States is practical. We will be glad to send you a list of clubs in your neighboring states, but I have a suggestion concerning the others.

Tournament News, published by the NRA, goes to every club affiliate and to a number of individual competitive shooters as well. Several match sponsors have ads in the December 1974 issue which I am enclosing. For your information, please note the box on the back page which gives the rates. You could set up an advertising schedule which could conceivably be more effective than a single mailing and I think probably you could do it for less money.

Our computer program does not allow us to select clubs by tenure. But, as I said earlier, we will be glad to send a list of the clubs in your neighboring states if you wish them. Again, my apology for this very slow response to your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley A. Mate

Stanley A. Mate
Director
Competitions and
Training Division

NRA (202) 783-6505
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SAM/vv

Don't want delay on a tournament.

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MATCHES

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MOVE UP

During the weekends of June 28 and July 5, 1975, Walnut Hill, the oldest continuously active shooting club in the United States, in celebration of its 100th Anniversary and the Bicentennial of our country, ~~will~~ presents a program of black and smokeless powder matches, and ~~we~~ invites all shooters to enter these matches and be a part of our Centennial celebration.

Rules: Current N.R.A. rules will govern the matches except where specific Mass. Rifle Assoc. rules have been posted. The black powder matches will be governed by N.M.L.R.A. rules. All except Trap matches are re-entry, subject to available time and position for re-entry.

Eligibility: Anyone who agrees to conduct himself in a safe and courteous manner is welcome in the matches.

Classification: All shooters will compete in the open class.

Match Schedule:

June 27, 28, 29
Issac H. Hazleton Memorial Match
30 shots off-hand at 200 yards on the German Ring target scored 0 to 25. Any rifle or free rifle, any calibre, any sights, 30 minutes per shooter relay including 3 sighters. Limit of two re-entrys.

Adolph O. Niedner Memorial Matches
40 shots off-hand at 50 yards on the 50 meter reduced target. Any .22 calibre RF rifle. Two 30 minute relays including unlimited sighters. Limit of two re-entrys in each match.
Match 1: Iron sights.
Match 2: Any sights.

June 28, 29
Centennial Trap Matches

Each day. Complete combination 16 yd. & handicap, 50 bird shoot.
9:00 AM to 12:00 noon --- 16 yd. 25 bird shoot
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM --- Handicap 25 bird shoot
Number of birds broken in 16 yd. shoot determines handicap yardage except that minimum handicap shall be 19 yards. Prizes at end of each day.

July 4, 5, 6
Nathaniel C. Nash Sr. Memorial Match
30 shots off-hand at 200 yards on the German Ring target scored 0 to 25. Any standard rifle, any calibre, iron sights, no palm rests, hook butt plates or thumb hole stocks allowed. No restrictions on triggers. 30 minutes per shooter relay including 3 sighters. Limit of two re-entrys.

(add Pope matches from next page)

Centennial Matches
Massachusetts Rifle Association, Inc.
Walnut Hill, P.O. Box 247,
290R Salem Street,
Woburn, Massachusetts 01801

June 23, 24, 25, 26, 27
Issac H. Hazelton Memorial Rifle Match
30 shot, off-hand, 200 yard, free rifle or any rifle, any caliber, any sights, German Ring scored 0 to 25, 30 minutes per shooter relay, 3 sighters included in 30 minute relay time, all entrants shoot in open classification. $15.00 entry fee.

Prizes: First Commemorative Zouave rifle plus 1st place plaque.
Second Gold filled Centennial Medallion in lucite plus 2nd place plaque.
Third Third place plaque.

June 25, 26, 27
Dorothy A. Knight Championship Pistol Match

Match #1 - .22 Caliber, iron sights, off-hand, 25, yards, open classification.
Match #2 - .38 Caliber, iron sights, off-hand, 25 yards, open classification.
Match #3 - .45 Caliber, iron sights, offhand, 25 yards, open classification.

Each match consists of five courses. $8.00 entry fee for each course.

Course 1 - Slow Fire, 20 shots, 5 minutes per 5 shot string, B16 target.
Course 2 - Timed Fire, 20 shots, 20 seconds per 5 shot string, B13 target.
Course 3 - Rapid Fire, 20 shots, 10 seconds per 5 shot string, B13 target.
Course 4 - NRA Short Course:
Slow Fire, 10 shots, 5 minutes per 5 shot string, B16 target.
Timed Fire, 10 shots, 20 seconds per 5 shot string, B13 target.
Rapid Fire, 10 shots, 10 seconds per 5 shot string, B13 target.
Course 5 - Aggregate of Courses 1,2,3,4.

Prizes: 1st place plaque in each course (After 10 shooters).
Aggregate - Gold filled Centennial Medallion in lucite for first place, with Blackington awards for second and third in each match.

Entry in any five of the above courses or in one full match makes entrant eligible for the Commemorative Zouave Rifle drawing on July 6th.

June 28, 29
Harry M. Pope Memorial Black Powder Matches

Match #1 - Flintlock rifle or musket, 50 yards, off-hand, 10 shots, iron sights, ball, Pope Off-hand Election Day target,(Walnut Hill 50 yd. reduced German Ring). 30 minutes per relay.

Match #2 - Caplock rifle, off-hand, 50 yards, 10 shots, iron sights, ball or bullet, Pope Off-hand Election Day target. 30 min. per relay.

Match #3 - Single shot Breechloading rifle, 50 yards, off-hand, 10 shots, iron sights, bullet, Pope O.H.E.D. target. 30 min. per relay.

Match #4 - Single shot breechloading rifle, off-hand, 200 yards, 10 shots, 2 sighters, any sights, bullet, German Ring target, 30 Min. per relay.

Prizes: 1-2-3 in each match - Blackington awards (After 25 shooters) Highest score fired of matches 1 thru 4 - Gold filled Centennial medallion in lucite.

Match #5 - Single shot caplock pistol, off-hand, 25 yards, 10 shots, iron sights, 25 yard B-16 pistol target, ball or bullet, 30 min. relay.

Match #6 - Cap and Ball revolver, off-hand, 25 yards, 10 shots, iron sights, 25 yard B-16 pistol target, ball or bullet, 30 min. relay.

Match #7 - Flintlock pistol, off-hand, 25 yards, 10 shots, iron sights, 25 yard B-16 pistol target, ball, 30 min. relay.

Prizes: Same as for rifle matches 1 thru 4.

All above are reentry matches after 25 shooters. Entry fee is $6.00 per match and $3.00 per re-entry with a two re-entry limit in any one matchy one match. Entry in any three of the above matches makes entrant elligible for the Commemorative Zouave Rifle drawing on July 6th.

June 30 and July 1
Franklin W. Mann Memorial Bench Rest Rifle Match
3-10 shot groups, 100 yards, best group counts, center fire rifle, unlimited class, 30 minute time limit, 5 minute preparation time, $15.00 entry fee.

Prizes: All awards same as for Hazelton match.

July 2, 3
Lt. Joseph E. Doherty Sr. Memorial Pistol Match

Match #1 - Black Powder, 25 yards, off-hand, 10 shots, slow fire, B13 target, replica or original arms acceptable, no movable sights, prizes by catagories:
(a) Cap and Ball Revolver - $3.00 entry fee.
(b) Singleshot Caplock - $3.00 entry fee.
(c) Singleshot Flintlock - $3.00 entry fee.

Match #2 - Combat Weapons, 25 yards, off-hand, 10 shots slow fire, B16, $3.00 fee, any as-issued military handgun without movable sights.

Match #3 - Old Timers Match, 25 yards, off-hand, 10 shots, slow fire, B16 target, any pistol originally made before 1920 or replica therof with no movable sights, $3.00 entry fee.

Match #4 - Wildcatters Special, 200 yards, any position, 10 shots, slow fire, A21 target, any scoped hand gun, $3.00 entry fee.

Match #5 - Pocket Pistol Match, 25 yards, off-hand, 10 shots, slow fire, B16 target, 3 inch barrel or less, $3.00 entry fee.

Match #6 - Magnum Match, 25 yards, off-hand, 10 shots, slow fire, B16 target, any center fire magnum pistol, $3.00 entry fee.
Either one or two hand hold may be used on all above matches, 10 min. relays.

Prizes: 1st place prize each match - Blackington award. In addition, five entrys make entrant eligible for the Commemorative Zouave Rifle drawing on July 6th.

July 4,5
Nathaniel C. Nash Sr. Memorial Rifle Match
20 shots, off-hand, 200 yards, any U.S.A. center fire military rifle as issued, iron sights, reduced 200 yd. military target #MR-5, 20 minutes per relay including 2 sighters, all entrants shoot in open classification. $15.00 entry fee.

Prizes: All awards same as for Hazelton match.

July 6, 1975
Open House at Walnut Hill
All ranges open till 2:00 PM with demonstrations of military weapons from 1775 to 1975. After 2:00 PM, awards and barbeque and beer and soft drinks, drawings for Centennial Zouave Rifles. A nominal fee will be charged for food and drinks.

As described above and as follows, entrance in the matches automatically entitles each entrant to a ticket for a drawing on Sunday July 6 for a chance to win a Commemorative Zouave Rifle. The more matches entered the more chances an entrant will have in the drawing. However, first place match winners who have already won a Commemorative Rifle will not be eligible for the drawing. Thus every match entrant has a chance to win a rifle.

Each match entrant will receive free, a commemorative booklet containing the schedule of matches and the history of the MRA as well as a commemorative brassard. The booklet will also be available to spectators as part of their entrance fee.

Out-of-State shooters who would like to enter any of these matches but do not want the inconvenience of transporting their own weapons along with all the other travel equipment for the family, may be furnished appropriate arms and ammunition as available for the small fee of $2.00 per match plus Club cost for the ammunition used.

Trial firearms will be available during the celebration. For instance, you or your wife might never have fired anthing except a .22 rimfire rifle and you have always had a secret desire to try a .44 Magnum pistol. Be our guest for a nominal charge. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to shoot a flintlock? We will have some available. Is your wife afraid of guns? Let her try a .22 rimfire rifle over a sandbag rest at 25 yards so that she can hit the target and be encouraged.

There will be food and picnic facilities and demonstrations, exhibits, and other programs for all members of the family.

June 25, 26, 27
Dorothy A. Knight Championship Pistol Matches

Match #1 - .22 Caliber, iron sights, off-hand, 25 yards, open classification.
Match #2 - .38 Caliber, iron sights, off-hand, 25 yards, open classification.
Match #3 - .45 Caliber, iron sights, off-hand, 25 yards, open classification.

Each match consists of five courses: Fee for each course - $3.00 entry.

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Entry in any five of the above courses or in one full match makes entrant elligible for the Commemorative Zouave Rifle drawing on July 6th.

July 2, 3
Lt. Joseph E. Doherty Sr. Memorial Pistol Matches

Match #1 - Black powder, 25 yards, off-hand, 10 shots, slow fire, B13 target, replica or original arms acceptable, no movable sights, prizes by catagories: (a) Cap and Ball revolver - $3.00 entry fee.
(b) Single shot caplock - $3.00 Entry fee.
(c) Single shot flintlock - $3.00 entry fee.

Match #2 - Combat Weapons, 25 yards, off-hand 10 shots, slow fire, B16 target, $3.00 fee, any as-issued military handgun or replica thereof without movable sights.

Match #3 - Old Timers Match, 25 yards, off-hand, 10 shots, slow fire, B16 target, any pistol originally made before 1920 or replica thereof with no movable sights. $3.00 entry fee.

Match #4 - Wildcatters Special, 200 yards, any position, 10 shots, slow fire, A21 decimal target, any scoped handgun. $3.00 entry fee.

Match #5 - Pocket Pistol Match, 25 yards, off-hand, 10 shots, slow fire, B16 target, 3 inch barrel or less. $3.00 entry fee.

Match #6 - Magnum Match, 25 yards, off-hand, 10 shots, slow fire, B16 target, any center fire magnum pistol. $3.00 entry fee.

Prizes: 1st place prize each match - Blackington award. In addition, five entrys make entrant elligible for the Commemorative Zouave Rifle drawing on July 6th.

THE American Rifleman

1600 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE — WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036
PHONE: 202 — 783-6505

February 5, 1975

Mr. Nathan E. Guyer, General Chairman
Centennial Committee
Massachusetts Rifle Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 247
Woburn, Massachusetts 01801

Dear Mr. Guyer:

Sincerest thanks for your letter of January 25th, to Stan Mate, the Director of our Competitions and Training Division, with which you enclosed "copy" for a 4" double-column "invitational" display ad you wish to run in both the March and April issues of TOURNAMENT NEWS -- and the advance payment remittance you enclosed for $80.00 to cover complete charges.

There will be no question whatever about our being able to include the initial insertion of this ad in our March issue -- and for the "repeat" in April just as you have requested. And confirming copies of both issues will be sent to you as soon as available.

It is our understanding Mr. Mate will be writing you directly in further reply to your letter to him of January 25th.

We welcome the opportunity of serving you through the advertising pages of TOURNAMENT NEWS, and wish for you the very best of success and participation for your Bicentennial Matches.

Cordially yours,

F. A. Moulton
for NRA TOURNAMENT NEWS

cc: Mr. Stanley A. Mate

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
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February 18, 1975

Mr. Nathan E. Guyer
General Chairman
Centennial Committee
Massachusetts Rifle
Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 247
Woburn, Massachusetts 01801

Dear Mr. Guyer:

The program for your 1975 Bicentennial (the centennial of your club) arrived several days ago. It should attract people, and I hope it does, because it is most comprehensive.

I have no idea whether it will be possible to have any coverage of your activities in THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN but I am sending a copy of the program to Mr. Halsey, the Editor. I have had a call from Mr. Moulton, who handles the advertising for TOURNAMENT NEWS and your ad is being processed. I understand that it will appear in the issue you specified.

Good luck with your program.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley A. Mate

Stanley A. Mate
Director
Competitions and
Training Division

SAM/vv
cc: Mr. Halsey

MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

CENTENNIAL YEAR-- 1975

Bullpun, March, 75

Along with the warm weather, we have a full program of matches to lure to the club all those who have gone into hibernation over the winter. Attached is a program for our open shoots, our member's only matches, and the official centennial program with introduction.

There is still time to shoot in the winter matches, as the final date will be the start of the outdoor season on April 27.

The results of the pistol match to date are as follows:

THOMPSON PISTOL MATCH 20 shots slow fire, 50 feet

1	G. Schmidt	92	85	177
2	J. McGrath	88	87	175
3	J. Guiggey	88	81	169
4	E. George	74	73	147
5	S. Rapucci	71	75	146
6	J. Ardito	69	73	142
7	R. Kelly	69	61	130
8	N. Guyer	53	62	115

Last year only one person fired in the match, this year we have eight so far and with a little more interest we can have a decent turn out. Come up and participate in the program.

The Massschusetts Smallbore Rifle League finished with M.R.A. in first place again this year. Of the final averages, 5 out of the top 10 were members of the M.R.A. team. Final Results:

Team Position		Individual Averages			
1	M. R. A.	1	J. Ardito	290.71	
2	Woburn Spts.	2	R. Kelly	290.14	MRA
3	Nashua	3	T. Mansfield	289.06	
4	No. Reading	4	J. Mocar	288.71	
5	Reading	5	W. Chamberlain	287.67	MRA
6	Melrose	6	J. H. Guiggey	287.65	MRA
7	No. Reading	7	M. McSheehy	286.81	
8	Mystic	8	A. Dinati	286.35	
9	Danvers	9	I. Cartier	285.18	MRA
		10	R. Rollins	284.88	MRA

Don't forget the Eastern Mass Rifle League held the first three saturdays in May. If you want to shoot, sign up at the club. We will have two teams, so there is room for 12 shooters plus extras. Standings on the teams will be based on last years averages and the results of our Camp Curtis Guild open shoot on April 27.

We are going to have an active shooting season this year; I hope everyone will have a chance to join in the activities.

R. Kelly

THE American Rifleman

1600 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE — WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036
PHONE: 202 — 783-6505

March 28, 1975

Mr. Nathan E. Guyer, Gen'l. Chairman
Massachusetts Rifle Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 247
Woburn, Massachusetts 01801

Dear Mr. Guyer:

Stan Mate has just passed along to me a photostatic copy of your letter to him of March 22nd, indicating you have decided to make some changes in the match schedules for your Centennial program.

Enclosed is tearsheet from an advance copy of the March issue of TOURNAMENT NEWS, just off the presses, of the advertisement you sent us sometime ago for insertion in both the March and April issues of TOURNAMENT NEWS -- and which we were definitely planning to "repeat" in the April issue, in accordance with your original instructions.

However, if you now wish to make any changes in this ad for the April issue of TOURNAMENT NEWS, we can still take good care of such corrections in the same sized space, if you will get your revised "copy" thereon to my personal attention here by positively no later than next Friday, April 4th.

Cordially yours,

F. A. Moulton
for NRA TOURNAMENT NEWS

Encl.

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Answered 5/7/75

April 21, 1975

Centennial Committee
Massachusetts Rifle Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 247
Woburn, MA 01801

Gentlemen:

We have received your invitation to partake in the matches to be held on the weekends of June 28 and July 5, 1975.

In view of the recent gun law enacted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding the transportation of firearms into the State, could you please enlighten us as to how any of our members might participate in your matches.

As good citizens we do not want to violate any laws of our sister States, and according to interpretations of your law we have read, we cannot see how any of our members can participate.

Some of our members, pistol and 30-calibre shooters, have enjoyed the privilege of attending your matches in the past, but the new law would seem to make that impossible in the future.

We repeat, can you enlighten us?

Cordially yours,

Peter Johner, Jr.
Secretary

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April 29, 1975

dictated April 23, 1975

Gentlemen:

I was very interested in attending your Off Hand Center Fire Bi-Centennial Match and also your Harry Pope Black Powder Matches weekends of June 28th and July 5th. However, due to your gun registration law which went into effect April 1, 1975, and your State Permit Requirement to carry powder in Massachusetts makes it impossible for me to attend these matches which I regret.

It certainly would have been great to have been able to shoot the Walnut held this Bi-Centennial year. Let's hope that something can be done to get these unj st laws repealed and I may be able to attend your matches next year.

Very truly yours,

John J. Gunning /BB

John J. Gunning, President
Ticonderoga Rifle & Pistol Club
Life Member NRA
Director Ft.Ticonderoga Muzzle Loading Association

JJG/bb

cc: R. Stafford, NYS Senate
A. Ryan, NYS Assembly

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A Mr. McKenna of Dept of Public Safety says that black powder firearms can be brought in but in order to bring in any black powder (2 lbs limit) shooters from out of state must apply for a permit from the Mass. Dept of Public Safety.

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May 31, 1975

Mr. John J. Gunning, President
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Gentlemen:

We have delayed reply to your letter of April 29 in order to check all possible laws and rulings of the Great and General Court of Massachusetts to be sure that you didn't know something we had overlooked regarding the laws, rules, and regulations on guns and ammunition.

We find that there are no changes in any of the laws, rules, or regulations Since the 1968 Mass. Gun control Law was passed. Therefore if you have entered and competed in any rifle, shotgun, or handgun matches, wether smokeless or black powder, in Massachusetts since 1968, and your entry and travel through the state was legal, then you can continue this year the same as always.

There has been no change in the laws affecting guns. The only addition is the Bartley-Fox law which provides for a mandatory one year jail term for illegal possession of a hand gun, rifle, or shotgun, and it is mandatory only upon conviction.

According to Chapter 140, S.129C of the Mass. Gen. Laws, non-residents or out of state persons do not need an F.I.D. (Firearms Identification) card if: 1) they are non-resident hunters with valid hunting licenses during hunting season; 2) they possess rifles, shotguns or ammunition while on a fireing or shooting range; 3) they enclose rifles or sotguns in a case, unloaded while traveling in or thru Mass., they have a current license, permit, or I.D. card to possess rifles or shotguns or ammo from their state; 4) they may buy guns (long) or ammo here as long as they are over 18, have a proper lisense from their state if required, and come from a contiguous state (touching our border); the seller must notify the police of shuch sale.

Under Section 131G of Chapter 140 of the Mass. Gen. Laws, noneresidents may carry pistols or revolvers thru the state for competitions, eshibitions or h hunting provided that the person is a U.S. resident, and has a license or permit issued under the laws of his state or territory. Further, for handgun hunters, the person must show either a Mass. hunting licenee or one of his state of destination. A temporary license for handguns may be issued under Section 131F of Chapter 140 by the Dept. of Public Saftey as long as he meets our requirements. This license is similar to our handgun permit except it is valid for a month and must be renewed and cannot be used to purchase handguns.

So you can join us in our Centennial matches. We look forward to meeting you.

Very truly yours,

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Nov. 17, 1974

Sign up to help make the Centennial Celebration a success. Sign up for full days, half days, week, two weeks or any portion, or successive days, or alternate days, or any way you can arrange. Please consider taking vacation time during this period since the week days will be the days we most need help.

	June 1975								July 1975					
Member Name	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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During the weekends of June 28 and July 5, 1975, Walnut Hill, the oldest continuously active shooting club in the United States, in celebration of its 100th Anniversary and the Bicentennial of our country, will present a program of black and smokeless powder matches. We invite all shooters to enter these matches and be a part of our Centennial celebration.

Rules: Current N.R.A. rules will govern the matches except where specific Mass. Rifle Assoc. rules have been posted. The black powder matches will be governed by N.M.L.R.A. rules. All except Trap matches are re-entry, subject to available time and position for re-entry.

Eligibility: Anyone who agrees to conduct himself in a safe and courteous manner is welcome in the matches.

Classification: All shooters will compete in the open class.

Match Schedule:

June 27, 28, 29
Issac H. Hazleton Memorial Match
30 shots off-hand at 200 yards on the German Ring target scored 0 to 25. Any rifle or free rifle, any calibre, any sights, 30 minutes per shooter relay including 3 sighters. Limit of two re-entrys.

Adolph O. Niedner Memorial Matches
40 shots off-hand at 50 yards on the 50 meter reduced target. Any .22 calibre RF rifle. Two 30 minute relays including unlimited sighters. Limit of two re-entrys in each match.
Match 1: Iron sights.
Match 2: Any sights.

June 28, 29
Centennial Trap Matches

Each day. Complete combination 16 yd. & handicap, 50 bird shoot.
9:00 AM to 12:00 noon --- 16 yd. 25 bird shoot
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM --- Handicap 25 bird shoot
Number of birds broken in 16 yd. shoot determines handicap yardage except that minimum handicap shall be 19 yards. Prizes at end of each day.

July 4, 5, 6
Nathaniel C. Nash Sr. Memorial Match
30 shots off-hand at 200 yards on the German Ring target scored 0 to 25. Any standard rifle, any calibre, iron sights, no palm rests, hook butt plates or thumb hole stocks allowed. No restrictions on triggers. 30 minutes per shooter relay including 3 sighters. Limit of two re-entrys.

Harry M. Pope Memorial Black Powder Matches

10 shots off-hand at 50 yards on the German Ring target reduced for 50 yards, scored 12 to 25. (One or two hand hold at 25 yards for pistol match 5.) 30 minutes per shooter relay. Original or replica arms acceptable. Unlimited re-entrys.

Match 1: Flintlock, ball, open sights.
Match 2: Caplock rifle or musket, ball or bullet, open sights.
Match 3: Military rifle or musket, ball or bullet, open sights in original position.
Match 4: Single shot breechloading rifle, bullet, duplex load up to 10% smokeless, any iron sights.
Match 5: Any cap and ball single shot or revolver pistol, ball or bullet.

July 4, 5
Centennial Trap Matches

July 4: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - 50 bird 16 yard shoot.
July 5: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - 50 bird fixed doubles shoot.
Prizes at end of each day.

Registration Fee: $3.00 per shooter. Allows entry in one or all matches. The fee entitles the shooter to a special Centennial brassard, a souvenir program of events including the club history, a complete match results bulletin, and a raffle ticket for a drawing for a Commemorative Zouave rifle as described in the section on prizes. Drawing to be held Sunday July 6 at 5:00 PM.

Individual Match Fees

Hazleton	-	$6.00 entry plus $3.00 each re-entry.
Niedner	-	$4.00 entry plus $2.00 each re-entry, each match.
Nash	-	$6.00 entry plus $3.00 each re-entry.
Pope	-	$2.00 entry plus $1.00 each re-entry, each match.
Trap	-	$7.00 entry each match.

Prizes:

Each match listed for Hazleton, Niedner, Nash, Centennial Trap.
1st Place: Gold Filled Centennial medallion in presentation box.
2nd Place: Silver Centennial medallion in presentation box.
3rd Place: Bronze Centennial medallion in presentation box.

Each match listed of the Pope Black Powder Matches.
1st Place: Bronze Centennial medallion in presentation box.
2nd Place: Blackinton medal in lucite.
3rd Place: Blackinton medal in lucite.

For all matches listed for Hazleton, Niedner, Nash, and Pope.
In addition to the above, a bronze Centennial medallion will be given to each tenth place after 15 entrys, plus every 10 entrys thereafter.

The Centennial medallions have been designed and a limited number struck for this centennial year only, and the die will be destroyed after the celebration so no more can be made and their value will be enhanced in the future. The gold filled medallions are being offered to club members only at $30.00 each. The silver and bronze are available only as prizes in the centennial year matches. The special Commemorative Zouave rifles are also a very limited registered, consecutively serially numbered group of .58 calibre Navy Arms rifles with the gold Centennial medallion inset in the stock just forward of the patch box which were offered to the club members for $170.00 by reservation only. Thus each shooter has a chance to win a unique prize that will increase in value with time and that cannot be duplicated.

On Sunday July 6, the prizes will be awarded, the Commemorative rifle drawing will take place, and a buffet supper will be held to close out the weekend celebrations. Prize winners not present will be notified and arrangements for delivery of their prizes will be made within 10 days.

Facilities: There are six covered firing points at 200 yards with butt service. The 50 yard line, which is also the 25 yard line for pistol matches, has 24 firing points. It is not covered. There is one trap field with automatic trap equipment which allows use for both singles and doubles.

Pre-registration & Squadding: There will be no pre-registration for the Niedner, Pope, or Trap matches. Pre-registration for the other matches is not required but advance entries are requested and will be confirmed by mail. Please list a second and third time preference with your request.

Relay Times: Trap matches begin at 9:00 AM with the last relay at 4:00 PM. All other match activities begin at 10:00 AM with relays on the hour or half hour, until the last relay at 4:30 PM.

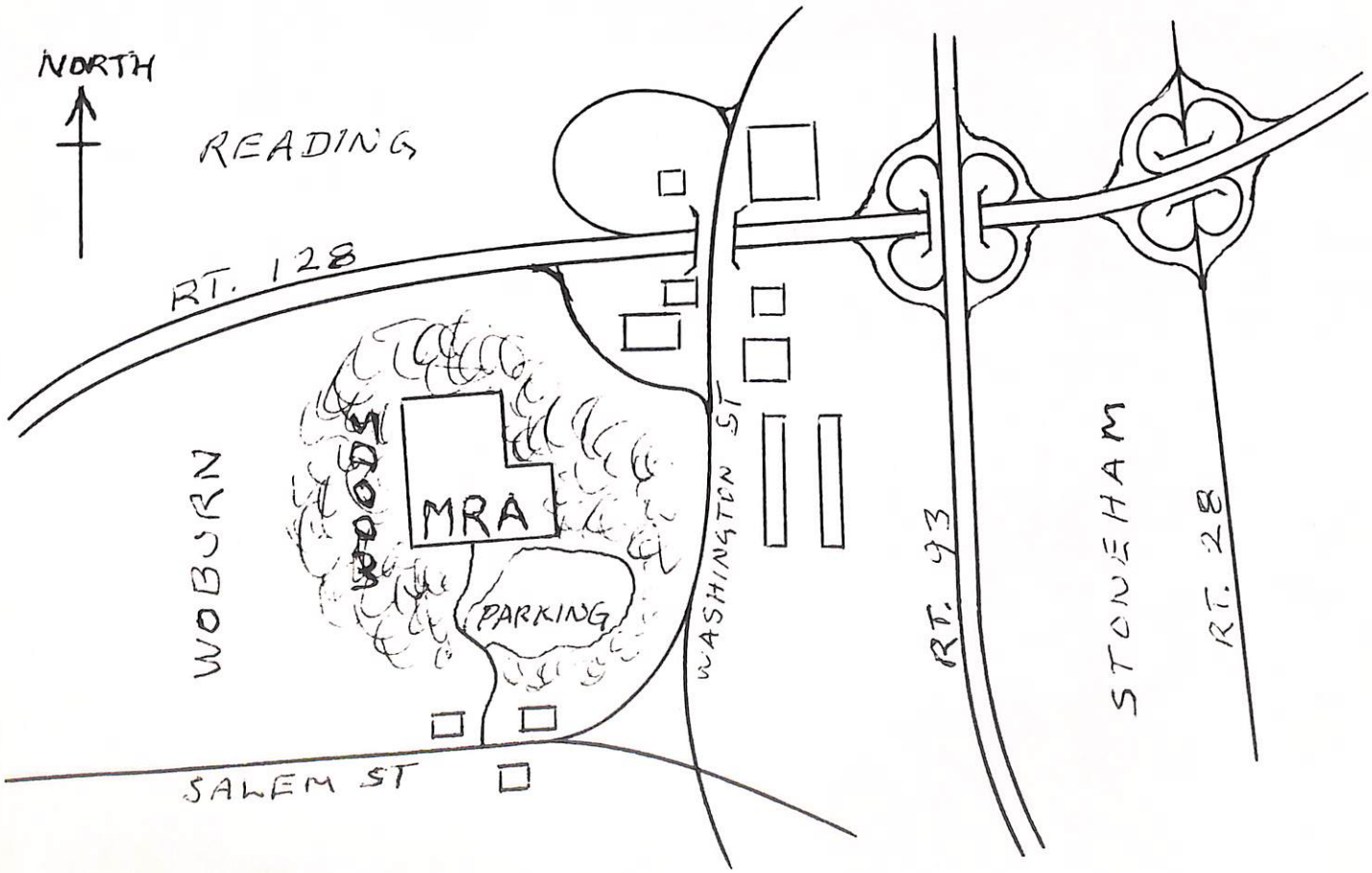
Meals and Refreshments: The club house has a kitchen, and light meals, sandwiches, and beverages will be available during the matches. There are several restaurants in the area and there is room on the club property for picnics.

Additional information requests and pre-registration should be made to:

Robert Kelly
23 Fieldstone Drive,
Burlington, Mass. 01803

Club Location:

290R Salem Street
Woburn, Mass.



Prizes: Each Match Listed

1st place: Gold filled commemorative medallion
2nd place: Silver commemorative medallion
3rd place: Bronze commemorative medallion

In addition, a bronze medallion will be given to each tenth place after 15 entrys, plus every 10 entrys thereafter.
Example: 37 shooters in a match, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 10th, 20th, and 30th.

The die for the medallion has been struck for this centennial year only and will be destroyed after this year.

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October 3, 1975

Mr. James Dunn
13 Higgenbotham Road
Gladroville,
New South Wales, Australia

Dear Mr. Dunn:

As the shooter who came the farthest and who was first to sign the guest book in our centennial year, we are sending you under separate cover, a copy of the Centennial matches, a Centennial brassard, and pictures taken when you shot Trap with the Centennial Chairman. The Centennial Match book also contains the history of the club.

We trust you had good traveling and good shooting on the remainder of your world tour. Thank you for joining us.

Sincerely,

Nathan E. Guyer
General Chairman